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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of October 7, 2013

The meeting convened at approximately 6:30pm.

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Jessica Bosworth, Administrative Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of September 23, 2013. Another motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of September 30, 2013 as amended.

Transfer Station

Chairman Yohalem introduced members of the audience who were called together with the Board to discuss the repairs at the Transfer Station. The members included: Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, Joe Wilkinson, Transfer Station Manager, Alvin Stalker and via telephone, Roger Levine. Mr. Levine gave a recap on the switch to single stream recycling. A new compactor, including installation and electricity, would cost the Town a maximum of \$40,000.00. There is an option for the machine to be financed or leased purchased through the Town's current or potential solid waste vendors and maintained for five years, at which point the Town could then purchase [to own] the compactor for \$1.00. The lifetime of the compactor is approximately 15-20 years and would cut the Town's waste hauling cost in half, due to the amount of tonnage that the new machinery is able to hold. Administrative Assistant, Michael Skorput and Roger Levine will report back to the Board by the end of October with their recommendation on the vendor to supply the Town with the compactor.

The Board met with the aforementioned individuals on Saturday and all are in agreement on moving forward with the Transfer Station repairs to the area near the office, where the current compactor is located. Joe Wilkinson will assess the area and report back to the Board within two weeks on the estimated cost on the repairs to the wall.

The other point of discussion was the current paper container area and would be the site for the installation of the new single stream compactor. A new concrete floor pad needs to be poured on this area with metal tracks and railings installed. Joe Wilkinson will also estimate the cost of this project and report back to the Board within two weeks.

The Board discussed the hours for Halloween Trick or Treat. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to set the Halloween hours from 5:00pm – 7:30pm on Thursday, October 31, 2013.**

The Board announced the resignation of Peter Marks from the Conservation Commission and will write a letter thanking him for his service. **A motion was made, seconded and so approved by all members to accept the resignation of Peter Marks.**

After a discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to appoint Fred Friedman to the Conservation Commission.

An announcement will be posted on Maggie's List and the Town website stating that up to four openings are available on the Conservation Committee.

Michele Shalaby, along with Jessica Bosworth, met with Shayna Spencer, grant researching intern, last week and reported to the Board that the meeting went well. The discussion at the meeting was primarily about how Miss Spencer would be compensated for her time, whether it would be school credit, National Honor Society credit or payment by hour. Mrs. Shalaby has contacted Principal Glen Devoti on discussing what credit options are available to Miss Spencer and will update the Board after they have spoken.

Michele Shalaby updated the Board on the meeting last week with the representative from Crocker Communications and Tim Newman. The Town is now at a decision point with the Fiber Optic Network coming into the anchor institutions (i.e. Town Hall, Library and Fire Station). The two options available are providing Internet through fiber optics and upgrading to a Voice Over IP telephone system. The Board requested that a written proposal from Crocker Communications be presented by its October 21 meeting, before further discussion.

Michael Skorput reported that there was no update on the form for the American Legion releasing the Town from any liability of items being stored. He will provide information at the October 12 meeting.

It was noted by Chairman Yohalem that there were no updates on the following items and that they would be deferred until the October 12 meeting: quotes on the cost of a safe for Town records storage, the maintenance contract for the Police Department software, information on the Town Hall alarm system and the cost figures for the Clayton Mill River Culvert repairs.

Special Town Meeting

Michael Skorput gave a tentative outline of the articles to be presented at the Special Town Meeting which will be held on November 18, 2013 at 7pm.

Article 1: adjusting the Tax Collector's salary for the purpose of correcting an error

Article 2: the telephone system

Article 3: housekeeping on the Group Insurance Account

Article 4: open

Article 5: repair cost on the Clayton Mill River Culvert

Article 6: re-write of the Town's Protective By-laws

Article 7: compensation for the Town Clerk on receiving certification

It was noted that the warrant must be closed by October 28 and that the meeting must be posted by November 8.

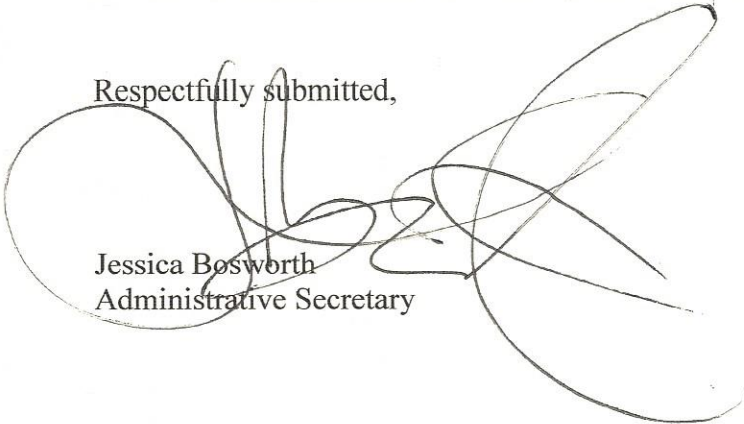
A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to hold a Special Town Meeting on November 18, 2013 at 7pm.

Chairman Yohalem asked that the Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 12 be advertised on the sign boards, on Maggie's List, at the Library (inside and outside), on the Town website and on Blackboard Connect.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Bosworth
Administrative Secretary

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